

In the Claims:**A. Marked-Up Version Per 37 CFR 1.121(c)**

1. (Once Amended) A bone graft harvesting drill, comprising:

a generally cylindrical drill bit coupled to a distal end of a flexible tubular member; [and]

said generally cylindrical drill bit having a distal opening for receiving bone therein during use, and an outer distal periphery dimensioned to deflect off cortical bone during use; and

said flexible tubular member being capable of bending to follow said drill bit as said drill bit deflects off cortical bone during use [a hollow cylindrical drill bit mounted to a distal end of the flexible tubular member].

4. (Once Amended) A [The] bone graft harvesting drill [of claim 1], comprising:

a flexible tubular member; and

a hollow cylindrical drill bit mounted to a distal end of the flexible tubular member, wherein the drill bit has a plurality of teeth having inner and outer surfaces, wherein the outer surfaces of the teeth taper inwardly towards their distal ends, and wherein the inner surfaces of the teeth are aligned with the outer surface of the hollow cylindrical drill bit. O

5. (Once Amended) The bone graft harvesting drill of claim [1] 4, further comprising:

a tissue removing insert received within the inner bores of the flexible tubular member and the drill bit, the tissue removing insert being adapted to tear away tissues disposed within the inner bore of the drill bit. O

7. (Once Amended) The bone graft harvesting drill of claim [1] 4, wherein the drill bit comprises:

at least one projection facing inwardly into the bore of the drill bit, the projection being adapted to tear away tissues disposed within the inner bore of the drill bit.

17. (New) A bone drill, comprising:

a generally cylindrical drill bit having a beveled outer distal periphery dimensioned such that, in use, said drill bit deflects off cortical bone and thereby avoids penetrating said cortical bone.

18. (New) A method of drilling bone, comprising:

providing a generally cylindrical drill bit having a beveled outer distal periphery;
inserting said generally cylindrical drill bit through an aperture formed in a patient's cortical bone; and

rotating said generally cylindrical drill bit such that, when advanced through said aperture, said drill bit deflects off an inner wall of said cortical bone and thereby avoids penetrating said cortical bone other than through said aperture.

B. Clean Version Per 37 CFR 1.121(c)

1. A bone graft harvesting drill, comprising:

a generally cylindrical drill bit coupled to a distal end of a flexible tubular member;

A2 said generally cylindrical drill bit having a distal opening for receiving bone therein during use, and an outer distal periphery dimensioned to deflect off cortical bone during use; and

said flexible tubular member being capable of bending to follow said drill bit as said drill bit deflects off cortical bone during use.

4. A bone graft harvesting drill, comprising:

A3 a flexible tubular member; and

a hollow cylindrical drill bit mounted to a distal end of the flexible tubular member, wherein the drill bit has a plurality of teeth having inner and outer surfaces, wherein the outer surfaces of the teeth taper inwardly towards their distal ends, and wherein the inner surfaces of the teeth are aligned with the outer surface of the hollow cylindrical drill bit.

5. The bone graft harvesting drill of claim 4, further comprising:

a tissue removing insert received within the inner bores of the flexible tubular member and the drill bit, the tissue removing insert being adapted to tear away tissues disposed within the inner bore of the drill bit.

7. The bone graft harvesting drill of claim 4, wherein the drill bit comprises:

A4 at least one projection facing inwardly into the bore of the drill bit, the projection being adapted to tear away tissues disposed within the inner bore of the drill bit.

17. A bone drill, comprising:

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dimensioned such that, in use, said drill bit deflects off cortical bone and thereby avoids
penetrating said cortical bone. col 6, l. 10-95
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18. A method of drilling bone, comprising:
providing a generally cylindrical drill bit having a beveled outer distal periphery;
inserting said generally cylindrical drill bit through an aperture formed in a
patient's cortical bone; and
rotating said generally cylindrical drill bit such that, when advanced through said aperture, said
drill bit deflects off an inner wall of said cortical bone and thereby avoids penetrating said
cortical bone other than through said aperture.
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